

NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
Bureau of Water
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Public Notice No. 14-211-R

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT

The following applicant has reapplied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge treated wastewater into waters of the State of South Carolina. The NPDES permit contains effluent limitations on the amounts of pollutants allowed to be discharged, based upon preliminary staff review and application of the Federal Clean Water Act, the SC Pollution Control Act, and other lawful standards and appropriate regulations. The pollutant limitations and other permit conditions are tentative and open to comment from the public.

APPLICANT: SCE&G, FACILITY NAME: SCE&G/MCMEEKIN STEAM STATION (LEXINGTON COUNTY/COLUMBIA EQC OFFICE), NPDES permit #SC0002046, 220 OPERATION WAY MC C221, CAYCE, SC 29033-3701. The facility is located at 2000 North Lake Drive, SC Highways 6 & 60 at the Lake Murray Dam, Columbia, South Carolina, Lexington County. The facility has 5 discharge points: 001-once-through cooling water, other effluent such as maintenance related circulating water, expansion joint leaks, and valve packing and seal leaks, discharging to: Lake Murray or Saluda River; 002-ash landfill runoff, discharging to: Saluda River; 003-low volume wastes, coal pile runoff, stormwater from the acid/caustic containment areas, ash handling area, baghouse area, SEFA Group blowdown, groundwater from retaining wall drainage system, and fire/service waters, discharging to: Saluda River; 004-ash landfill runoff (leachate) and stormwater, discharging to: Saluda River; 005-quarry dewatering and groundwater from the dam pressure relief wells, discharging to: Saluda River; The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code for the facility is 4911. The receiving streams are classified Class TPGT and FW. TPGT waters are freshwaters suitable for supporting growth of stocked trout populations and a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for uses listed in Freshwaters. FW waters are freshwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation and as a source for drinking water supply after conventional treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Department. Suitable for fishing and the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for industrial and agricultural uses. A fact sheet is available. This Permit when issued will supersede an existing permit which expired on April 30, 2009.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to permit issuance or to the proposed permit limitations and conditions are invited to submit same in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice to the attention of: Mr. Barry Mullinax; SC DHEC; Water Facilities Permitting Division; 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; Telephone: 803-898-4302. The permit number should be placed at the top of the first page of comments. When there is a significant degree of public interest in a permit or group of permits, the Department may hold a public hearing. SC DHEC is not involved in zoning, land use, or property value issues. Please contact your local County or Municipal officials for questions or concerns on these issues.

All comments received within the 30-day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the permit. All persons submitting written comments will be notified of the final determinations. Requests for adjudicatory hearings may be filed after the above described determinations have been made. Additional information regarding adjudicatory hearings is available from the Legal Office at the above Department address or by calling 803-898-3350.

Additional information on proposed permit determinations and on hearing procedures is available by writing or calling the Department at the above address or telephone number. Copies of a specific application or draft permit of interest to an individual, organization, or company must be requested in writing. A fee schedule has been established for processing these requests: Reproduction of documents - \$0.25 per page. Requests must be mailed to the Freedom of Information Office at 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, phone number: 803-898-3882; or requests may be faxed to the Freedom of Information Office at 803-898-3816. Arrangements can be made to review all the permit information at the Freedom of Information Office on the third floor of the Sims Building across from Peeples Auditorium.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons you know will be interested in this matter.